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NO CURRENCY LEGISLATION IN THIS CONGRESS.

Senator Aldrich's speech at Chicago, in which he discussed various phases of the question of reform of the currency and banking system, will be studied with deep concern all over the United States. It may be taken as the official pronouncement of the ideas of a majority of the monetary commission, of which Senator Aldrich is the head.

It is made perfectly clear that there will be no banking and currency legislation of large importance in the life of this Congress. Senator Aldrich says the commission hopes to make its report at the beginning of the third session of this Congress. That is, it is expected the report will not be ready until about the opening of the last or short session of this Congress, unless it should happen an extra session were called prior to the short session.

In any event Congress will not consider the central bank and related currency and banking questions this winter, and it will not have time to dispose of so important a series of questions in the short session. Even if there were to be an extra session of several weeks before the short session, it would be impossible to dispose of currency reform in the life of this Congress.

The tone of Senator Aldrich's speech at Chicago indicates that he unhesitatingly is going to be in opposition to the central bank and the currency and banking legislation which the monetary commission will propose.

He has gone at the question tactfully. He presents the idea of the question of greatest importance is not the question of the central bank, but the organization of the currency and credit system. He says that it is generally agreed by the public that the subject there should be a central bank of issue to issue notes and that this is no longer open to argument among the well-informed.

Then, without attempting to say how the banking system apart from the question of note issues should be organized, he lays down certain principles that should be observed. He is careful to say that branch banking is not adaptable to this country, and the independence of existing banks is to be preserved.

On this point Mr. Aldrich's utterances will be reassuring to the small banks. At the same time he will not find it easy to convince the country that the merits of the plan of merging all power of note issue into one central institution are beyond dispute, for they are not, either on the part of students of finance or the general public.

BUY 'EM EARLY; BUY 'EM NOW!

In the first place, if you buy 'em early you have a larger showing from which to choose; you are more likely to get just what you want, and just what the recipients will be pleased with when they are found in the stockings on Christmas morning. But that isn't the only, nor even the best, reason for buying 'em early.

The best reason for buying 'em early, so far as you are yourself concerned, is that by so doing you will distribute the burden over a longer period, and will not feel so outrageously hard up on the morning of January 1, when the Christmas bills come in. If you begin buying now you will also begin saving and calculating now. You will have the realization before you for seven weeks that

Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it costs us dear.

These observations are not written for folk who never have to worry about what Christmas is going to cost them. Such may as well turn to the next page; and at that these remarks will lose few readers. The Christmas giving is a sweet and beautiful custom, but it would be useless to deny that it imposes a grave burden on many who can ill afford all the sacrifices it requires.

But we are all in it; we are going to buy and give and receive and make merry this year as every other year; and we will, as always, extract far more pleasure from the giving than from the receiving; which is the best thing about it all. But about making the burden as light as possible.

If we would begin to buy early we would have time to plan and project; get what we want rather than what

we must. We would save money and we would have more time in which to save it. We would find ourselves unconsciously cutting the garment of general expenditure with a view to the requirements of the Christmas cloth. Part of the Christmas bills would come in on December 1, and would get paid and out of the way. The congestion of things on January 1 would not so seriously intrude its suggestion of uncertainty about whether it really was a "Happy New Year." It's worth while to spread the thing out and to have a chance to do the buying systematically and thoughtfully.

And there's another reason. Spread out the shopping season, and you save the overworked shop people from the drudgery and strain of those awful last days, which make real pleasure impossible to thousands who must do the rushing for us later if we don't do some of it for ourselves now.

Buy 'em early; buy 'em now.

THE NEBRASKA ELECTION'S RESULT.

The State of Nebraska elected two regents of the State university and three judges of its supreme court on Tuesday last. With the returns, at last accounts, still not quite complete, the race was so close that it was not yet quite certain that the Republicans had won all the offices, though it seemed probable they had done so, with majorities of from 1,000 to 2,000 on the judges.

Two years earlier the Republicans elected their judicial ticket by 23,000; four years ago Roosevelt carried the State by near 80,000. Last year Bryan carried it by 4,102. Thus it appears that without Mr. Bryan in the running the State is today about as evenly divided as it is possible for it to be.

The Democratic losses this year, as compared to last year, were confined almost entirely to the cities of Omaha and Lincoln. With Mr. Bryan on the ticket it would be much stronger in both those cities. Apparently there has been almost no net change in the State outside those two cities. The Democrats simply lost such strength as represented the personal popularity of Mr. Bryan in the two chief cities.

This year's election has been of national interest chiefly as an index of the strength of Mr. Bryan. It seems to point the conclusion that Bryan, running this year, would have carried the State in a popular vote at least as strongly as he did in 1908.

Whether Mr. Bryan will be a candidate for the Senate next year is still in the realm of speculation. Nobody knows what he intends to do; but other Democrats who have aspirations in that direction, and who would be likely to enter the field if he were to remain out, are of the opinion that he will make the run, and are governing themselves accordingly. They are making no preparations for a campaign, and everything on the Democratic side points to the probability that Fairview will be headquarters next year.

Mr. Bryan would prefer to run under the Oregon plan; and the last Legislature, which was Democratic, passed such a law. But the court has taken some liberties with that statute already, and it is very doubtful if it will stand the final test. Without doubt the chances of Senator Burkett would be improved if finally there should be a reversion to the old method of election.

Bryan has indicated a determination to commit his party to a very strong temperance program next year, and this might cost him more strength in Omaha than he could afford to lose; but on the other hand his supporters insist that outside Omaha he would be stronger on such a platform than he has ever been before. Altogether, the result of the election last week appears rather to brighten the prospect of a Democratic Senatorial gain in Nebraska a year hence.

Charles F. Murphy can comfort himself with the thought that his fate is a Christmas celebration compared to what King Alfonso's will be if the radicals ever break loose in Spain.

Mary Garden's caustic criticism that this country is only a midway station brings up the reminder that people, on leaving it, are not obliged to buy return tickets.

Nobody has had the nerve to tell Joseph G. Cannon that there is one other historical gentleman credited with an aptitude for quoting scripture.

That Government book on "The Life History of the Cow Tick" will probably make a lot of veterinarians chew the cud of deep reflection.

The report that Theodore Roosevelt had been eaten by a lion in Africa has indisposition today.

Perhaps Shakespeare is unpopular in Philadelphia because he never repeats.

Compared with railroad trains, the airship is as safe as a cellar.

Fairbanks' whiskers are gone. Fairbanks was gone last March.

Somebody is apt to spell it "R-i-c-h-a-r-d C-r-o-a-k-e-r."

Nobody's heart seems to be bleeding for Tammany.

War in Central America? How can John Barrett?

Aviation Impressions

In the regular course of business one of the Wright boys will no doubt attend to that speed record that Delarange established in England—Newark News.

Said Mrs. Van De Man, alighting from the aeroplane, "Now I know what makes the birds sing." Try this on your canary.—Boston Transcript.

Boston Symphony Opens Season At the New National Tuesday

Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelley Is Soloist, and the Program
Will Include a Novelty Number.

The first of the Boston Symphony concerts of the season will be given at the National Theater on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The soloist will be Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelley, who is today one of the best known American concert sopranos and at this concert makes her first appearance with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Rider-Kelley will sing two numbers, one of them the aria of "Agatha" from Weber's "Der Freischütz," and the other the aria "Dove Sono," from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro."

The program contains one of the most important and at the same time most attractive novelties of the year, Granville Bantock's overture, "Pierrot of the Minute." Granville Bantock is an interesting figure in modern English music.

Bantock has written many compositions in all forms, and especially is he influenced by oriental imagery. The work to be played here was performed for the first time at the Worcester (England) Festival, September 3, 1908.

Other numbers will be Tschakovsky's superb fifth symphony and Beethoven's overture to "Egmont." The program follows:

"Schalkowsky—Symphony No. 5 in E minor."

Weber—Agatha's Aria from "Der Freischütz."

Granville Bantock—Overture, "Pierrot of the Minute."

Mozart—Aria, "Dove Sono" from "The Marriage of Figaro."

Beethoven—Overture to Goethe's "Egmont."

Soloist—Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelley.

Announces Program

For First Concert.

The program for the first concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra, which, under the direction of Carl Pohlig, will open its season at the National Theater on November 16, was announced this morning. Herman Sandby, the Danish cellist, will be a soloist.

The program follows:

Chopin—Waltz in G-flat major, Op. 18, No. 4.

Leopold Beethoven—Symphonic Variations for Violoncello and Orchestra.

Friedrich Smetana—Symphonic Poem, "On the Shores of the Moldau."

Hammer Orchestra

Completes Roster.

The work of assembling the Heinrich Hammer Orchestra, which will give the complete Beethoven cycle of nine symphonies at the Belasco Theater this winter, has been completed. Rehearsals started last week. The program has been planned by Prof. Hammer, who, besides being director of the orchestra, is musical director of the Washington Choral Society, the oldest musical organization in Washington.

The orchestra is purely a local affair, and will be conducted by means of subscriptions and a fund of order for season tickets has exceeded \$10,000.

A notable feat has been selected for the singing of "Tannhauser" next Friday night. It will be:

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The conductor will be Alfred Hertz, who is the godfather of Wagner's opera in the world.

Rakeman to Lead

Symphony Concert.

On November 13 musical Washington will hear, at the Columbia Theater, at 4:30 o'clock, the Washington Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Herman C. Rakeman, with Miss Edna James Sheehy, soprano, as soloist.

ADAM BEDE, former member of the House of Representatives, is here fresh from the Chautauqua Circuit, and he has an answer to the old query, "What's the matter with Kansas?"

"They are hurrying the air out in Kansas with tariff talk," he explained today. "That is true of some other States, but especially so of Kansas. I was out there a short time ago delivering a lecture and I told them a thing or two. I told the people Kansas was a great commonwealth, but I added that it would make a mighty poor nation."

"I advised them to stop thinking in counties and think in nations. I am as loyal a Minnesotan as anybody, but I am first an American citizen, and Minnesota is simply my postoffice address."

"Kansas are thinking too much about Kansas and too little about the rest of us."

Much Fun Poked

At Senator Flint.

A lot of fun has been poked at Senator Frank Flint, of California, because he said he thought he would have to retire from "the greatest deliberative body in the world" in order to make a comfortable living for himself and his family. Many newspapers have said that \$7,500, a Senator's salary, was more than enough for a man in Washington.

This might be true if the man did not entertain and live in retirement, the utmost simplicity possible. But a Senator of the United States has to rent a house and do a lot of entertaining. The retirement is hardly possible.

Wherefore, Mr. Flint was right when he said his salary was not enough for him.

Tells Good Story

On General Walker.

Representative Flood, of Virginia, tells a good story in which one of the characters was Gen. Reuben Lindsay Walker, of the Confederate army. On one occasion the general was waiting for his breakfast and his faithful negro servant had gone to catch some fish for the feast. When the servant was away an unusually long time, the general called to him impatiently.

"Why don't you come here with that fish, Sam?"

"Sam, in the meantime, had caught a flounder, which is white on one side with a whiteness that looks like raw fish meat."

"All right, Massa Reuben," called out Sam. "Ise 'ginnin' de ez soon as I ketch de uvver ha'f of dis here fish."

Morris Sheppard, a Democratic Representative from Texas, is not only a hard worker for his constituents in Washington, but he is one of the greatest orators produced by Texas. When he went to college he took all the debating and oratorical medals, and ever since he has been in public life he has been in great demand all over Texas as a public speaker.

He is only thirty-four years old, and has served in five terms of Congress.

This is the reorganization of the old Washington Symphony Orchestra, which existed several years ago under De Koven. Mr. Rakeman was then an officer and member of that company of musicians, and it has been his desire ever since the financial collapse of the De Koven orchestra to establish a permanent organization for the Capital City. With this in view he gave some excellent music in 1906 at the Belasco Theater under his direction with the Rake-Koven Concert Orchestra. In May, 1908, he presented the reorganized Washington Symphony Orchestra in an excellent program. Since then he has continued to improve his organization, and now he has a company of fifty men who are prepared to interpret high-class popular music of great composers in an intelligent manner.

Mr. Rakeman has been identified with music in this city for many years, and is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Brussels, and a pupil of the violin of Tsay.

March to Hunt

For Song's Author.

Mme. Blanche Marchesi, the world's greatest interpreter of song, as she is often termed abroad, will be heard in this city in a song recital Wednesday afternoon at the Columbia Theater.

Mme. Marchesi has always been anxious to determine the musical authorship of a certain song that has long had a place in her repertoire. It is entitled "Have You Seen But a White Lily Grow?"

It was supposed to be composed as far back as 1690, but of whom Mme. Marchesi has never been able to learn. Not a single museum or musical library has been able to give her the name of the author. As Mme. Marchesi's present tour of concerts will include a visit to Mexico, she is in the hope that possibly in that old country, whose libraries contain so many Spanish manuscripts, she may possibly find the answer that she has been seeking for years.

Baltimore to Have

Long Opera Season.

A special train will be run from Washington to Baltimore next Friday night for the opening of the twenty-second season of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York at the Lyric, in the Monumental City. Under direction of T. Arthur Smith, of this city, the train, composed of vestibule cars, will leave Union Station at 7:30 p. m., arriving at 8 o'clock. It will leave Baltimore ten minutes after the performance of "Tannhauser."

It is understood that a number of operagoers in Washington will take advantage of this special to see the performance of "Tannhauser." In order to open the season auspiciously, a special train will bring the singers and production from New York to Baltimore for a full-dress rehearsal on the night before the opening. The Lyric, which has the largest seating capacity of any theater in Baltimore, has been remodeled and redecorated. Twenty new boxes have been installed, and nearly all of these have been engaged for the entire season.

An opera will be given every week, the second one being Puccini's "La Tosca," on Friday, November 12. A notable feat has been selected for the singing of "Tannhauser" next Friday night. It will be:

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Will Entertain

At British Embassy.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will entertain a dinner company at the embassy Tuesday evening in celebration of the birthday anniversary of King Edward.

A welcome addition to Washington's winter colony will be Mrs. Thomas Lowry, of Minneapolis, Minn., who is coming to the Capital shortly for a visit to former Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. William H. Merriam.

Mrs. Lowry will inspect a number of handsome houses with a view to either leasing or purchasing a permanent winter residence.

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PENNSYLVANIANS MEET.

The Pennsylvania State Club held its bi-monthly meeting at the Pythian Temple, listened to a vaudeville program, transacted considerable business and received the applications of eight prospective members, last night. The club will print a roster of the club members.

Prof. Lowell has not as yet interpreted the meaning of the "lancings."

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To Be Soloist



MRS. CORINNE RIDER-KELSEY.

Will Be Hostess At Informal Tea

Mrs. Charles O'Donnell Lee, jr., will be hostess at a small informal tea this afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Mary McCauley, who will be among the season's debutantes.

Miss McCauley will be formally presented to society by her mother at a tea Wednesday afternoon, November 24.

The marriage of Mrs. Grace Malbone Peters, daughter of Commodore and Mrs. George H. Peters, to Wm. P. Tunstall, of Chicago, will take place Wednesday, December 15, at 8 o'clock, in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The wedding took place in the rectory of the Episcopal Church of the Prince of Peace, Georgetown, Pa.

Miss Sybil Baker will be the maid of honor for Miss Peters, and the bridegroom's brother, Alexander Tunstall, will be best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hobart Tallmadge have issued cards announcing the marriage of their sister, Miss Maud Elizabeth Tallmadge, to George Wallace Jones, Wednesday, October 13. The wedding took place in the rectory of the Episcopal Church of the Prince of Peace, Georgetown, Pa.

Mrs. Bennet Smedes and her daughter, Miss Mary S. Smedes, of Raleigh, N. C., are the guests of Miss Bettie J. Harris, 1115 K street.

Announcement is made of the marriage in Boston, of Miss Cecelia V. Murphy, of Washington, and Joseph A. Scannel, of Haverhill, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Scannel have returned from their wedding trip and will reside at 26 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

The bride is well known in Washington, especially in musical circles, having been soprano soloist at St. Matthew's, St. Aloysius', and St. Mary's churches.

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Miss Elizabeth Goodwin to Wed Lieutenant Roscoe F. Dillen

Engagement Is Announced—Miss Elizabeth Trescott
Becomes Bride of Lieutenant Torrey This Week.

Mrs. Walton Goodwin, widow of Captain Walton Goodwin, U. S. N., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Trescott Goodwin, to Lieutenant Roscoe F. Dillen, U. S. N.

An interesting wedding of the week will be that of Miss Elizabeth Trescott, daughter of Mrs. Walton Goodwin, to Lieutenant Philip Torrey, U. S. N. C., which will take place in the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Worthington, on N street, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Only relatives will be present at the ceremony, and only a very few intimate friends have been asked to the informal reception which will follow immediately afterward.